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In re Application of)
BARRETT TOAN and ROBERT NEASE)
Filed Concurrently Herewith on January 12, 2001)
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING)
BENEFIT PLAN DESIGNS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of Barrett Toan and Robert Nease for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING BENEFIT PLAN DESIGNS."

1. The application has 32 pages (including claim pages and abstract).
2. Seven (7) sheets of drawing are enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. formal; or
 - b. informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
3. The declaration and power of attorney
 - a. has been executed by the inventors; or
 - b. has not been executed by all the inventors. A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.
4. An associate power of attorney is enclosed.
5. An assignment of the invention to Express Scripts, Inc. and a Recordation Form Cover are enclosed. Please record the Assignment and return it to the undersigned. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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6. [] Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC §119.

- a. [] A certified copy of each of the priority documents is enclosed.
- b. [] The certified priority document(s) will follow.

7. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR Section 1.9 and 37 CFR Section 1.27 is enclosed.

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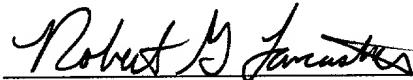
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- 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

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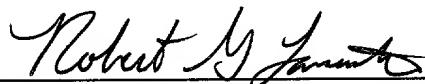
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